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investment plan for East Germany is likely to reach 6,500,000,000 Eastmarks. About 1,000,000,000 Eastmarks of this total are scheduled for military equipment.

2. The 1953 investment plan includes "military equipment" for the first time. Previously, military expenditures were hidden under other titles, such as "government building projects", etc., and were not included in the actual investment plan. Military projects were listed in the state budget under misleading designations, such as "public education", etc.<sup>1</sup>

25X11.   Comment. According to official publications, the investments in East Germany will total 26,890,000,000 eastmarks from 1951 through 1955. The investments reported for 1953 would constitute about 24 percent of the total investments under the Five-Year Plan.

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